

Q. What is the program duration?

A. The duration depends on which Master of Arts is pursued; the MA Instructional Technology (Non-Certification) is 36 hours in length and could be completed in four semesters taking three courses per semester. The Master of Arts in Instructional Technology (Advanced Certification for Teachers) is 42 hours in length and could be completed in five semesters taking three courses per semester.

Q. How many courses will I take in a semester?

A. The Non-Certification degree program is made up of 12 courses that are 3 credit hours each (36 credit hours). The Advanced Certification for Georgia Teachers program is made up of 10 courses in the degree field with 4 courses in the educational field (Pedagogy & Methods). Full time students take three courses in each semester. Semesters are divided in both two eight-week sessions or one sixteen-week session. Part-timers are welcome.

Q. Are the courses offered at night?

A. Yes, courses are always offered in the evenings. Courses typically meet one night per week from 5:00 until 7:15PM for 16 weeks.

Q. What are minimums for program entry?

A. For the Non-Certification degree, graduates with any degree are welcome to apply. An acceptable score on a standard entrance exam is required [35th percentile on MAT or GRE- combined quantitative and verbal scores]. The score cannot be older than five years. There are opportunities for current teachers to waive the admissions test, contact Admissions for more information. An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 is required. Piedmont graduates can also elect the fast track admissions process; which also excludes the testing requirement if the student has 3.0 GPA. Teachers applying for the Advanced Certification degree must possess a current, clear, renewable teaching certificate in any education field. Teachers must also pass a GACE exam to obtain Advanced Certification following completion of the degree. To achieve Georgia PSC Advanced Certification, candidates must hold a Professional Level Teaching Certificate in Georgia (3 years teaching experience) and successfully pass the content-specific GACE exam.

Q. What can someone do with the Georgia Advanced Certification Master of Arts in Instructional Technology degree?

A. The degree prepares students to perform in a number of professional areas that apply the integration, evaluation, and design/development of instructional technology into learning environments. Advanced Certification graduates can apply the skills in their classrooms and with their school and school systems. Additionally, the Advanced Certification degree offers teachers the chance to work as instructional technology coordinators within their school or school system.

Q. What can someone do with the Non-Certification Master of Arts in Instructional Technology degree?

A. The Non-Certification degree prepares students to work as professional trainers/designers in Human Resource Departments for government, education, non-profit, and corporate entities. Students could work for higher education institutions as instructional technologists, instructional designers, or distance education coordinators/directors. Students would participate in client-based projects in the program; which align with the fields of elearning development and private consulting.

Q. Where can I learn more about the academic and professional fields of Instructional Design & Technology?

A. The Instructional Technology field is represented nationally and internationally by several key professional and academic associations/conferences. Here are the key associations/conferences for the IDT field:

- Association for Educational Communications and Technology (aect.org)
- International Society for Technology in Education (iste.org)
- American Society for Training and Development (astd.org)
- eLearning Guild (elearningguild.com)
- International Society for Performance Improvement (ispi.org)
- Georgia Educational Technology Conference (gaetc.org)

Q. Where might I find program updates, news, and

other important information on the Piedmont College Master of Arts in Instructional Technology?

A. Contact Piedmont College faculty in the Instructional Technology program with the School of Education:

- Dr. Randy Hollandsworth, Demorest Campus, rhollandsworth@piedmont.edu and (800)-277-7020, ext. 1195.
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